

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): If a day is declared as a public holiday, is it not necessary that non-departmental institutions should also observe it as a holiday?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no provision in the Education Code to compel the managements of private institutions to give holidays on such days also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know what is the meaning of the sentence.—

“The holidays are strictly observed by all departmental institutions and officers?”

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It means that those holidays must be observed as holidays by all institutions without any exception.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to take it that there is no other special function to be performed on that day?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I don't think so.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the private institutions are allowed to have their own holidays?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Only three days are declared as public holidays for all institutions in the State. It is left to the managements of private institutions to have their own holidays excepting these three holidays which are obligatory.

Ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department.

6. * **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in the ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department (permanent and temporary) carrying a pay of Rs. 40 and above; and

(b) the number of Muslims holding any such posts?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) 129.

(b) Nil.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason for not appointing a single Muslim in the ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give reasons for what happened in the past. It is all past history, and Government have not enquired into the reason. Such omissions will not occur when the Public Service Commissioner begins recruitment.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it due to the want of qualified Muslim hands that they were not entertained?

PRESIDENT: There is no use of speaking about ancient history. In future what the Chief Secretary says is that you will have a bright chapter.